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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Professionally I manage network connectivity for my employer and have been buying these services for over 20 years. Markets with multiple providers ALWAYS have better service and better pricing.

Personally I have been buying broadband services for my home (starting with ISDN, then DSL, then cable, now fiber) for over 20 years as well. Similarly to commercial networking, competition in consumer networking also yields better service and better pricing.

My home now uses gigabit fiber for phone service, internet service, and streaming entertainment. Fast connectivity at home allows me professional flexibility and provides my employer disaster recovery options they would not otherwise have.

I remember the breakup of Bell, and I remember the explosion of phone service options that followed.

Please, for the sake of everything good that comes from innovation in telecom services, keep broadband markets open and competitive.

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